

Superseding Warranty

BRIGGS & STRATTON ENGINE WARRANTY POLICY

effective October 1, 1976

**Replaces all undated previous Warranties and all Warranties
dated before October 1, 1976**

When warranty repair is justified, Briggs & Stratton Corporation welcomes such repair by any of its Authorized Service Centers. Warranty retains customer good will and provides us with valuable information for correction and improvement of our product.

For the most part, the requests for warranty brought to the attention of our service accounts are handled in a prompt routine manner with no question regarding their validity. However, some requests for warranty are received which are not justified. In these cases, engine owners may not be aware that the premature failure of their engine was the result of abuse or neglect, or that the difficulty which they experience is caused by the equipment rather than the engine.

BRIGGS & STRATTON WARRANTY covers only DEFECTIVE MATERIAL and/or WORKMANSHIP

ONE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

"For one year from date of purchase, Briggs & Stratton Corporation will replace for the original purchasers, free of charge, any part, or parts of the engine, found upon examination by any Factory Authorized Service Center, or by the Factory at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to be defective in material or workmanship or both; this is the exclusive remedy. All transportation charges on parts submitted for replacement under this warranty must be borne by purchaser. For warranty service contact your nearest Authorized Service Center as listed in the 'Yellow Pages' under 'Engines, Gasoline' or 'Gasoline Engines.' THERE IS NO OTHER EXPRESS WARRANTY. IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING THOSE OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ARE LIMITED TO ONE YEAR FROM PURCHASE AND TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW ANY AND ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE EXCLUDED. LIABILITY FOR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES UNDER ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES ARE EXCLUDED TO THE EXTENT EXCLUSION IS PERMITTED BY LAW. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, and some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation and exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state."

BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION

V. R. Shiely
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Chairman of the Board
President and Chief Executive Officer

To avoid misunderstandings which might occur between engine owners and our service accounts, and to eliminate unnecessary "down time" of engines where warranty is being questioned, we are listing causes of engine failures where repair or replacement is NOT justified under our warranty program.

NORMAL WEAR:

Warranty repair is not in order where normal use has exhausted the life of a part or engine. Engines, like all mechanical devices, need periodic parts replacement and service to perform well. It should be remembered that the service life of any engine is dependent on the care it gets and the conditions under which it has to operate. Some applications, such as tillers, trash pumps, rotary mowers, are very often used in dusty or dirty conditions, which can cause what appears to be premature wear. Such wear, when caused by dirt, dust, carbon, spark plug cleaning grit, or other abrasive material entering the engine, is not Warranty.

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ABUSE OR NEGLECT:

1. Bent or broken crankshafts: Such damage is usually the result of abuse, such as striking a solid object with the cutter blade on a rotary lawn mower. In cases where Warranty is questionable, it is suggested that the repair be completed and the owner charged. A Warranty Claim with full details, and the damaged crankshaft, should be forwarded to the Factory for decision.
2. Failures resulting from the use of improper fuel are not covered by Warranty. Such failures would include sticking valves, and carburetors and fuel pipes which are clogged by gum deposits which form through the use of stale fuel. Always use fresh gasoline.
3. Parts which are scored or broken because an engine was operated without sufficient lubricating oil are not covered by Warranty. Check oil level at least every five hours and refill when necessary.
4. Damage caused by overheating or overspeeding is not covered by Warranty. Overspeeding or overheating occurs if the cooling fins become plugged with dirt, grass or debris, or if an engine is operated in a confined area without sufficient ventilation. Clean fins on the cylinder, cylinder head and flywheel regularly.
5. Damage or wear caused by dirt which enters the engine because of improper air cleaner maintenance is not covered by Warranty. Clean and re-oil the air cleaner regularly.
6. Damage or wear caused by grit from blast cleaning spark plugs is not covered by Warranty. We do not recommend cleaning spark plugs on an abrasive blast cleaning machine, since grit can remain in the plug, and later enter the engine.
7. Warranty does not cover the tune-up or adjustment of an engine when performance is affected by improper installation at the time of sale of equipment, or failure caused by loose cutter blades, excessive belt drag, adjustment of remote controls, etc. Such repair or adjustment is the obligation of the manufacturer or retailer of the end product.

When assembly and adjustment of mower are done by purchaser, the Engine Operating Instructions are sufficiently clear to make minor adjustment possible by the average owner. Such minor adjustments are NOT included in Warranty.

8. Broken parts, which result from excessive vibration caused by loose engine mounting, blade unbalance, overspeeding or abuse in operation, are not covered by Warranty.
9. Repair or adjustment of associated parts or assemblies such as clutches, transmissions, remote controls, etc., which are not of Briggs & Stratton manufacture should not be charged to Briggs & Stratton Warranty.
10. Only ORIGINAL Briggs & Stratton parts, or parts approved by Briggs & Stratton may be covered by Warranty.

Warranty is available only through Service Centers which have been Authorized by the Briggs & Stratton Corporation.

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In cases where an engine owner insists on Warranty repair, which our Service Account does not feel is justified, it is suggested that repair be completed and the owner charged. A Warranty Claim, with full details, should be forwarded to the Factory for decision. Mark the Claim "Questionable Warranty - Customer Charged". If Warranty is approved, credit will be issued to the account who performed repair, and the Service Account will reimburse the customer. If Warranty is not in order, the Factory will advise the Service Account accordingly. If the Service Account requests the Factory to do so, a copy of the letter can be mailed to the engine owner.